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FOUR GROUPS PROSPECT
FOR OIL IN KANSU AND TSINGHAI

Four survey groups were sent in April 1948 to explore petroleum possibilities in Kansu and Tsinghai by the Kansu-Tsinghai branch of the China Petroleum Company.

Group I specialized in underground research. The primary object of this group was to estimate deposits in Chin-ch'uan Hsien, Ching-ts'ao-wan and Ta-hung-ch'uan. The Lao-shan-miao oil well in Chin-ch'uan Hsien is operating, but detailed survey of the area and deposits of oil is still not completed.

Group II made preliminary surveys for drilling purposes. The work involved surface geological examination and the making of survey maps of Yang-ch'ang Hsien.

Group III examined oil deposits in Min-ho Hsien and Wen-shai Valley in preparation for drilling activities. In 1947, many new oil fields were discovered along the region from Min-ho Hsien eastward to the mouth of the Min Ho.

Group IV is drafting a geological map of Lan-chou and preparing a report for the study of Chinese and foreign scientists.

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